

Amendments

In the Drawings

Please amend Figure 4 as shown in the attached Amended Drawing. The amendments do not add new matter. As the Examiner has suggested, the amendments represent the features with written labels exemplifying the elements.

Remarks

Applicant has amended the drawings and specification as requested. In light of these amendments, Applicant submits that the objections to the drawings and the specification should be withdrawn. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Claims 3-5 and 7 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowable Claim 3. Applicant believes, based on the Examiner's statements, that the limitations of intervening Claim 2 are not required for allowance, and it has therefore been left as a dependent claim. The dependency of Claims 4-5 and 7 have been amended so that they now depend from allowable Claim 1, and, therefore, Applicant believes Claims 4-5 and 7 are now allowable. Claim 8 also depends from allowable Claim 1 and, therefore, should likewise be allowable.

Applicant has also added new independent Claims 10 and 11, as well as new dependent claims 12-17. Both Claims 10 and 11 contain no new matter, and contain the allowable elements of Claims 3-5 and 7. Therefore, Claims 10 and 11, as well as the claims that depend from Claim 11, should be allowable. Finally, the amendments address and remedy the Examiner's various objections to the claims.

The remaining claims are being cancelled without prejudice. The amendments and cancellations are submitted in an effort to expedite the issuance of the present application. Applicant hereby reserves the right to re-submit the cancelled claims in a continuing application, and reserves the right to present any and all arguments for issuance at that time.

It is believed that Applicant has addressed all of the outstanding matters and it is requested that this application be granted a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date. Please contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions.

Any fees required by this Response may be charged to our firm's Deposit Account No.

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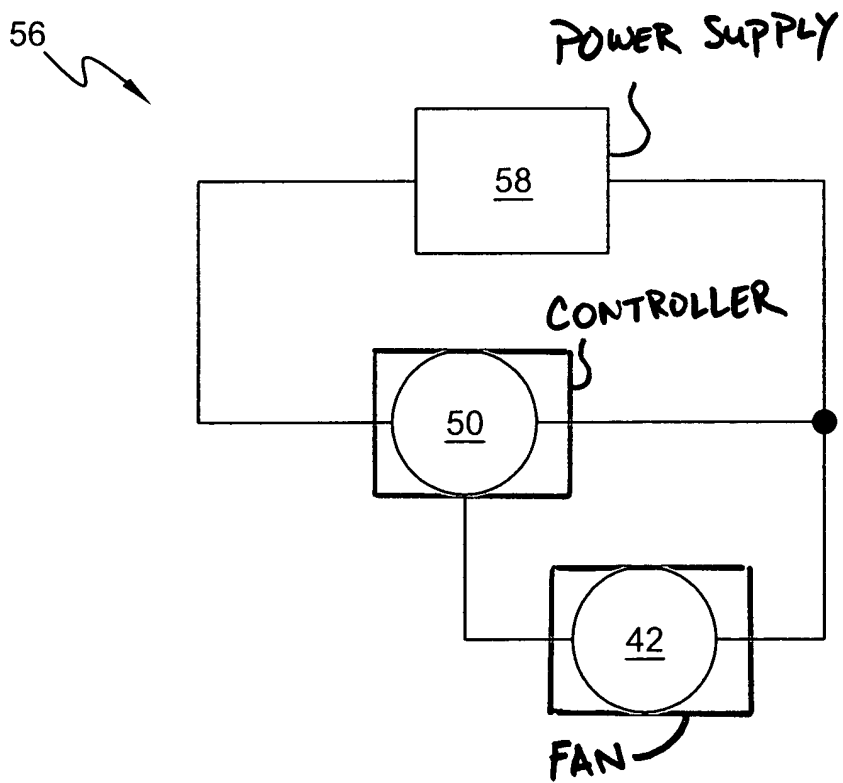


FIG. 4